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Identical letters dated 16 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

This morning, mortar fire shook the early quiet for the communities of northern Israel. The fasting and prayers of thousands of Israelis commemorating the Jewish holiday of Tisha B'Av were interrupted by a barrage of mortar shells fired from Syria. At the same time, and in a grave violation of the 1974 separation of forces agreement, tanks, trucks and armoured vehicles belonging to Syrian government forces entered the buffer zone.

The violence that has shaken Syria is sending shockwaves throughout the region and threatening to further destabilize the Middle East. For two years, Israelis on the northern border have lived with the chaos and uncertainty of a war that threatens to spill over into their backyard. It is only a matter of time before a rocket or mortar shot from Syria falls on an Israeli home.

Israel has thus far shown maximum restraint and issued numerous warnings through the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. However, the Israeli Government will not allow its citizens to be the ongoing victims of these attacks and will continue to exercise its right to self-defence, as appropriate, and take all necessary measures to protect its population.

I urge the Security Council to condemn the incident and the Syrian Government's grave violation of the separation of forces agreement.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ron **Prosor**
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Letter dated 16 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from the Government of Rwanda, I have the honour to inform you that on Monday, 15 July 2013, there were deliberate bombings on Rwandan territory, in Kageshi and Gasiza Cells, Busasamana Sector, Rubavu District, Western Province. The bombs landed on Rwandan territory at 1505 hours from a region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo controlled by the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC) and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). Fortunately there were no casualties.

Today, the Government of Rwanda sent notes verbales to both the MONUSCO Liaison Office in Kigali and the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Rwanda to officially protest against this provocative and deliberate act, since there was no fighting nearby between FARDC and M23. The Government of Rwanda cannot tolerate such bombings on its territory and urges the Security Council to take all appropriate measures to ensure their immediate cessation.

I should be grateful if the present letter would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Eugène-Richard **Gasana**
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